



# News Release

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## **Drug allegation results in King County veterinarian's suspension**

*Charges say woman was intoxicated, unconscious in her Kirkland clinic*

**OLYMPIA** — The Veterinary Board of Governors and the Washington State Department of Health have immediately suspended the license of Kirkland veterinarian Cathy A. Johnson-Delaney (VT.00002784) because of drug abuse allegations.

According to the statement of charges, on multiple occasions Johnson-Delaney took isoflourine, an inhaled anesthetic. It made her intoxicated and unconscious while she was in her veterinary clinic, the charges say.

She cannot practice or work as a veterinarian in Washington pending the outcome of a hearing.

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